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Madrid, October 26.

THeir Catholick Majesties are perfectly recovered of their late Indisposition, and intend to go the next week to the *Escurial* to pass some days there. On the 20th Instant the Marquis of *Guevorra* Covered the first time before the King as Grandee of *Spain*, under the Title of *Conde de Onate*, (that Honour descending to him by the Death of his Mother) at which Ceremony most of the Nobility assisted. On the 24th died the only Son of Don *Pedro d'Aragon*, a Child of about two years old, to the great grief of that Family. They write from *Barcelona* that the Marquis *de Cogolludo* having taken possession of his Command of General of the Galleys of *Naples*, put immediately to Sea in pursuit of several Turkish Brigantins he had notice were lurking on that Coast, but they were too nimble for the Galleys. Here is much discourse of Establishing a Company for the *West-India* Trade, in imitation of those in *England* and *Holland*, for the *East-Indies*: The King, it's said, intends to advance a Million towards the Stock, whose Example it's hoped the Nobility and Rich Men of this Kingdom will follow. Our Letters from *Lisbonne* of the 17th Instant tell us, that part of their *Brazile* Fleet was arrived.

Genoua, Octob. 28. This week arrived here the *Happy Return* from *Palermo*. The *Good-will* Sailed two days agone for *Manfredonia*. The *Advice* and the *Lyon* are Lading, both bound for the Coast of *Spain*. On *Wednesday* last arrived here an Express from *Paris*, who, after a short stay here, continued his Journey for *Rome*. The French Men of War and Privateers have taken several Ships belonging to the Subjects of this Republick. The Genoueſe Galleys are at *Barcelona*, but it's said Orders have been sent for their return hither.

Venice, Octob. 20. We have received the following Relation of the taking of *Preveſa* by the Troops of this State, and those of the Pope, *Maltha*, and *Tuscany*, making together about 4000 Men, besides 1500 *Greeks*:

General *Morosini* having resolved to attack *Presa*, a place of great importance for the securing the Conquest of *St. Maura*, situated at the entrance of the *Golfe* of *Arta* (which it commands) ordered five Gallies, and six Galleasses to approach towards the Castles called *Gomenizze*, which are almost in sight of *Preveſa*, to amuse the Enemy, and to oblige them to divide their Troops, by sending reinforcements thither; which had the success the General proposed to himself; for *Saban Bacha* believing the Venetians would attack those Castles, sent thither greatest part of the Troops he had drawn together for the security of *Preveſa*. The 20th of *September* the whole Fleet sailed from *Damata*, and in the Evening came to an Anchor at the entrance of the *Golfe*. The 21. Captain *Manetta* with 24 Barks, and several armed Brigantines entred the *Golfe*, and landed with part of our Troops the Turks firing at them both great and small shot but without doing them any harm. The Gallies at the same time advanced within Musket shot of the place to make a diversion, and to facilitate the disembarking of part of our Troops, which having advanced by Land, passed in Galliots an arm of the Sea, about halfe a mile broad, Commanded by General *Strasoldo*: The Turks believing we designed to land our Troops at the place where the Gallies had posted themselves, employed their chief care on that side to hinder it, but finding their mistake, they sent in great haste 500 Spahees to charge our Troops that passed the arm of the Sea abovementioned, but these were already in order of Battle, and received the Turks so well, that many of them were killed, and the rest fled in so great disorder, that the greatest part of them could not get into the Town. The Christians advanced, and without any opposition possessed themselves of a Hill near the place; upon which the General sent to summon it; The Governor *Saban Bacha* was gone to put himself at the head of a Body of Turks to observe the Christians, believing they durst not undertake the Siege of *Preveſa*; and the Officer that commanded in his absence would not receive the Generals Letter, but fired upon the person that carried it. The 22, four pieces of Cannon and as many Mortars were landed; and the next day above 300 Bombs were shot into the Town, which burnt several Houses; and before night we had dismounted all the Enemies Cannon but one: hitherto we had but one Man killed and five wounded. The 24th we made a lodgment in the Ditch, and the Miner was put to the great Tower of the place towards the *Terra firma*; that night twenty Turks made a Sally, and surprized some of our Men, killed one, wounded another, and took a third prisoner. The 25th and 27th, we advanced our works, the Enemy plying us very close with their small Shot, and Signior *Bachili* who commanded part of the Troops of *Maltha* was killed; The 28th, the Mine being ready, and having made a considerable breach with our Cannon, Orders were given for an Assault; but the next Morning the Turks hung out a white Flag, and sent out five Deputies; they demanded the same conditions that were granted to the Garison of *St. Maura*; but the General would allow them no other, than that thirty of the most considerable of the Garison should march out with their Arms and Baggage, and the rest without Arms, taking with them what things they could carry; which the Turks were forced to submit to.

The 30th they marched out, being 200 Men, and were conducted to a place within four miles of *Arta*. We found in the Town 44 pieces of Cannon, 18 whereof are Brass, and shoot 50 pound Bullets, with a considerable quantity of Ammunition and Provisions; There remain 1200 Inhabitants in the place; The Republick by this Con-

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